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53.	Guru Nanak Dev Stg. Co,	Muktsar
54.	Sukhwant S. Sandhu & Others	-do-
55.	Mohan Lai Chhawra & Co.	-do-
56.	Sukhjit S. Brar & Others	Jaitu
57.	Jagdev S. Brar & Co. Owners	Baghapurana
58.	Tilak Raj Kataria & Co. Owners	-do-
59.	Siri Ram	-do-
60.	Narinder S. Gurmit S. & Others	Katkapura
61.	Surjitindarpal S & Others	Faridkot
62.	Jaswant S. Brar & Co.	-do-
63.	Smt. Jagdish Kaur Dhillon •& Others	-do-
64.	Dhillon Brothers	-do-
65.	Narinder S. & Co. Owners	Sadiq
66.	Harchand S. & Others	Sadiq
67.	Guru Gobind S. College Society Giddarbaha	Giddarbaha
68.	Gurcharan Kaur Family Trust	Ferozepur
69.	Arvind Kumar & Others	-do-
70.	Harpal Singh & Others	-do-
71.	Raman Kumar & Others	-do-
72.	Hardarshan Kaur & Others	-do-
73.	Rajinder Kumar Ashok Kumar	-do-
74.	Satanam Kaur Bedi & Others	-do-City

Heavy losses suffered by VISL

2441. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Company (VISL), a subsidiary of the SAIL, has been suffering heavy losses;

(b) if so, the extent of loss suffered by the company during 1995-96 as compared to the loss suffered in 1994-95;

(c) the major causes identified by Government for the continuous losses suffered by VISL; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to retrieve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL & MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) and (b) The losses suffered by VISL for the years 1994-95 and 1995-% are as follows:—

(Rupees in crores)

Year	Profit/Loss
1994-95	(-) 27.05
1995-96	(-) 37.38

(c) The major reasons for losses suffered by VISL include high power related costs, inadequate availability of power, non-availability of certain tax conces-

sions, intense competition from emerging new manufacturers of alloy and special steels, excess manpower etc.

(d) The measures taken to improve the situation include entering into an agreement by VISL with the Kamataka Electricity Board (KEB) and Kamataka Power Corporation Ltd. (KPCL) for assured supply of 100 million units per annum at an economic tariff rate for 15 years, improvement in product-mix and widening of market base, rationalisation of manpower etc.

Proposal from State Governments to include more castes in the list of SCs/STs and OBCs

2442. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
SHRI SURENDRA KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Madhya Pradesh Government and from other State Governments during the last three years and till date to include more castes in the list of scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward classes;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) by when the Central Government would clear this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) In the last three years and till date, recommendations for inclusion in the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been received from various State Governments in respect of ten and eighteen communities or groups respectively, of which two relate to the Scheduled Castes list of Madhya Pradesh. Inclusion in the Central lists of OBCs are effected taking into consideration the unanimous recommendations made by the National Commission for Backward Classes from time to time. So far, three communities have been included in the Central list of Other Backward Classes in relation to Madhya Pradesh, and no further such recommendations of the Commission in this regard are pending with the Government.

(c) Finalisation of the recommendations made by the State Governments for inclusion in the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes requires consideration of several complex factors in the light of the criteria followed for scheduling and various consultations, and can be effected only through legislation under Articles 341(2) and 342(2) of the Constitution. As such, no time frame can be indicated.

Blocks with high concentration of SC population

2443. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any block has been identified as having a high concentration of Scheduled Castes population;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and district-wise; and

(c) whether any monitoring was conducted in those blocks regarding the implementation of the special component plan during the year 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Information is being collected.